

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of:	D. Thibeault et al	)	Confirm. No.:	7451
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is in response to a communication from the Examiner in charge of the subject application, which communication was mailed on June 6, 2006. In that Office Action, a three-month shortened statutory period was set for response. Applicants hereby petition for the necessary extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (3 months) to respond to that action and note that the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) in connection with this Response is paid during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System. Furthermore, if it is determined that any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are due in connection with this Response authorization to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-2955 is provided during electronic filing via the Revenue Accounting and Management System. In addition, applicants request that any subsequently filed reply requiring a petition for an extension of time for its timely submission be treated as if it incorporated such petition for an extension of time pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and hereby authorizes that any fees due in connection therewith be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-2955.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page two (2) of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page three (3) of this paper.